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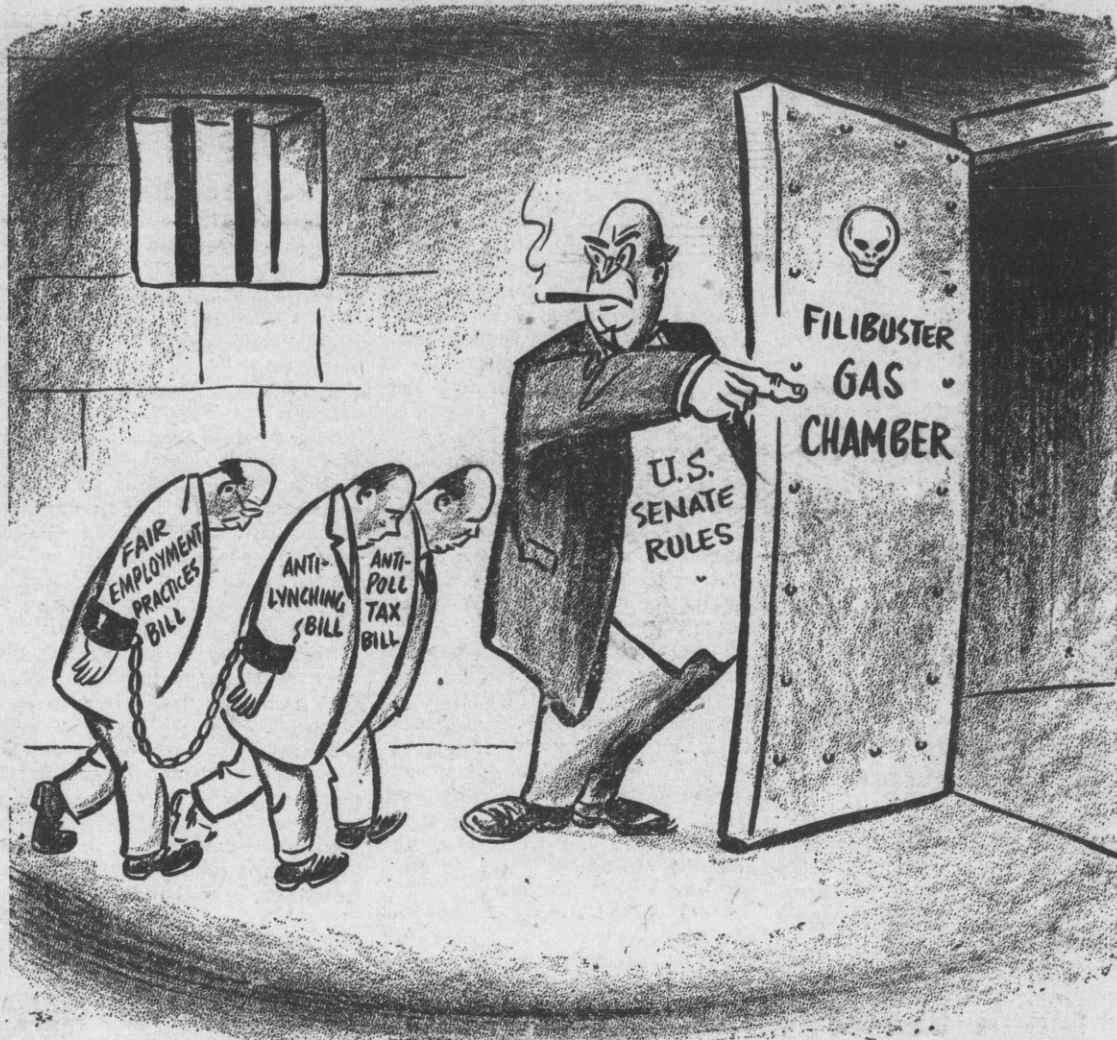
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## MONT. COUNCIL BACKS CHANGES AT WATERFRONT

Endorsement of the proposals of the City of Monterey for changes at the waterfront near the municipal wharf was voted by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at the last meeting of last year, Secretary Royal E. Hallmark reports.

The city is contemplating a one-way approach in front of the Custom House at the entrance to the wharf, with connection to the city parking lot there, Hallmark explained.

Because of interest last year in a Labor Day celebration, the idea delayed because of lack of adequate time for planning, the council has appointed a special committee to consider ways and means of sponsoring a Labor Day Parade this year, the secretary said. Named to this committee were Delegates Booker, Randazza, Mosuzza and Walker.

Other business by the council included discussion of the Heart Association benefit dance, scheduled Saturday night, Jan. 24, at Legion Hall, the event co-sponsored by the council and the building trades.

## Teamsters 890 Meet Thursday In Monterey

Monterey members of General Teamsters Union 890 were reminded last week that the January meeting will be on Thursday night of this week at the Monterey Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St.

Meetings of Local 890 in Monterey usually are the second Thursday of each month but change was necessitated this month because of the holiday season. February meeting will be Feb. 12.

Officials of Local 890 urged all Monterey teamsters to note the meeting date and place and be present for important business of the year's first official session.

## Laborers 272 Report New Work on Way

Despite weather conditions, several new projects are expected to be started shortly in the jurisdiction of Salinas Laborers Union 272, according to Wray D. Empie, business agent.

Goheen & Travis is opening a new housing tract in the Gonzales area, with a dozen units to start at once.

In the Salinas area, Jack Erickson is starting a new housing project and Kinner & Jones are building a new motel on Highway 101 south. Two new commercial buildings are being started by J & M Builders, Empie said.

Work in the southern part of the county includes a new sewer project in Greenfield, under P & E Construction Co.

At the Salinas Labor Temple, which is operated by the Laborers Union's Hall Association, Local 272 has completed installation of a new "plug board" to assist members in assignments to work.

The board is a simple device, with plugs inscribed with names of unemployed members and placed in numbered squares. The order of calls to jobs can be determined by the member when he sees where his "plug" is located, and thus he need not wait around the Labor Temple all the time for a call to work.

To facilitate the waiting time, Local 272 has opened the rear hall of the Labor Temple as a waiting room for Laborers, with card tables available. A new public address system has been installed between the Laborers' office and the waiting room to facilitate the calling of waiting men for jobs.

The Union of South Africa produced nearly 19,000,000 pounds of dried vine fruit, such as raisins and currants, in the 1952 season.

## LABORER WORK CONTINUES GOOD AT MONTEREY

With present jobs going strong and new work in the offing, employment for construction laborers in the Monterey area is continuing good despite adverse weather, George Jenkins, business agent of Laborers Union 690, reports.

A \$3,500,000 new project at the Navy School, with Dinwiddie Construction Co. in charge, is expected to start shortly. Tomblinson & Huck are beginning the big new Fort Ord School project, with Granite Construction Co. doing the excavation.

Jenkins said more work is due at Fort Ord, but nature has not been disclosed.

The new contract of Local 690 with Del Monte Properties has been approved by the Wage Stabilization Board and retroactive pay received by union members covered by the agreement, he added.

## RESERVATIONS FOR CARPENTERS STATE MEET MUST BE MADE THRU DIST. COUNCIL OFFICE, STOCKTON

Plans for the State Council of Carpenters Convention to be held in Stockton the latter part of February and the first of March, are progressing very satisfactorily, reports Bro. Joe Sousa, chairman of the publicity committee for the State Council Convention Committee known as the "Over-all Committee."

M. R. Marcus, secretary of the San Joaquin District Council of Carpenters and chairman of the reservations committee for the State Council Convention, stressed this week that all reservations will be made through the office of the District Council of San Joaquin County, at the Stockton Labor Temple, 805 E. Weber Street, Stockton, phone Stockton 2-6282.

Delegates planning to attend the convention are urged to make reservations with Brother Marcus as promptly as possible.

## Labor-Management Parleys Scheduled for Four Nights At Salinas Evening School

Four public conferences on Labor-Management Relations, sponsored jointly by labor unions in the Salinas area, the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations, and the Salinas Evening School, will be held Jan. 15, Jan. 22, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26.

The four-session series will be held at Hartnell College Library

and is open to all union members, to officials of unions and business, and to all the general public interested in the subject matter.

Key speakers from both labor and management will lead discussions at the various meetings. The conferences are being arranged jointly by the Central Labor Council in Salinas and by industrial and business, aided by university and evening school leaders.

While the speaking schedule was not announced in full, it was reported that sessions would be conducted by Dr. Van D. Kennedy, assistant professor of Industrial Relations at University of California as mediator.

Albert Beeson, industrial relations director for Food Machinery and Chemical Corp. at San Jose, will be speaker at the Jan. 22 session, with John F. Henning, research director for the California State Federation of Labor, as speaker on Feb. 19.

Union officials are acclaiming the coming conferences at the high spot in labor-management relations in the area in recent years. Some unions have announced that apprentices attending the conferences will be given classwork credit for their participation.

## Carp. Trainees Face Discipline If Class Missed

Notice was served last week on apprentices in training under direction of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas that non-attendance at school classes henceforth will not be tolerated and that disciplinary actions, with dismissal from training, may result for too-frequent absences.

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Carpentry Industry in the Salinas area called in 14 apprentices who have been delinquent in attendance at school and told them at last week's meeting that the school work is a necessary part of the training program.

While no action was taken at the board meeting, the apprentices were told in positive terms that they must have good reason to be excused from classes henceforth. In the past, some apprentices have been dropped from the program for ignoring such warnings.

Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Local 925, said the attendance at the joint apprenticeship meeting was complete and praised committee members for their diligence.

Thaodore Verser, mill work apprentice employed by Lawton Mill and Cabinet Shop, was advanced to journeyman status, effective as of last Dec. 22.

Two new apprentices were accepted for training, Herbert J. Shorro assigned to Contractor Ted Davis and Ronald Ingersoll assigned to Tomblinson & Huck.

Apprentices were informed that they will get school credit for attending the coming Labor Relations Conference (see separate story), Jan. 15 and 22 and Feb. 19 and 26.

Next apprentice board meeting was set for Feb. 4.

## Dan Snell Band Named to Play At Heart Dance

One of the most popular of dance bands in the Monterey area, led by Dan Snell, former San Jose musician and band leader, has been selected to play for the Labor-sponsored dance on Saturday night, Jan. 24, at Monterey Legion Hall.

Tickets for the dance are on sale and demand is brisk, committee members said. All proceeds from the dance go to the Monterey County branch of the American Heart Association.

John Grisin, chairman of the general committee of arrangements for the dance, was due back early this week from a holiday trip to Pennsylvania and Michigan.

He will take active charge of dance planning and will complete details for the event. Grisin is business manager for Plumbers Union 62.

Acting chairman has been Fred E. Ask, business agent of Painters Union 272, who has been placed in charge of decorations for the hall on the night of the dance.

Tickets for the event are \$1.20 each and are on sale at any union office or from any union official.

Sponsoring the benefit affair are the Monterey County Building Trades Council, the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council and the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas.

Toledo (LPA)—Permanent silver membership plaques, engraved, have been distributed to 46 workers at the Auto-Lite unit, Local 12, Auto Workers, who have retired. Each Auto-Lite member will get a similar plaque when he retires.



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Earl "Bud" Montgomery was elected trustee for a three-year term Jan. 8. Brothers Ike Fox, Ray Gammill, and Fred Freidel were appointed to serve as the election committee and they tabulated the ballots. Brother Montgomery was given the oath of office to assume his new duties succeeding Manuel Martin.

The executive board and business agents attended a dinner given in honor of our newly-elected General President, Dave Beck, at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, Monday, Jan. 5. Brother Beck has a comprehensive program outlined for the benefit of our members working under the Teamsters' jurisdiction. We are especially grateful that he will be setting up 14 national divisions, including a large legal and statistical department covering all our joint councils that will be able to compile and furnish to us the facts and data pertinent to your negotiating committee. It is our aim to eventually tie our contracts much closer together with wages, hours, conditions and welfare plans.

### CONTRACTS

The demands for the new working agreement for the canneries and frozen food operations were presented by this group of members at two meetings, held at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8. Your secretary is grateful for the large turnout at both meetings and he hopes that the same response will be given throughout these negotiations.

Members employed in fluid milk plants will be called to a meeting very shortly to review our demands for the coming year. Your secretary has been in contact with other general local unions covering the same operations in the milk industry for Golden State, Challenge, Borden's, and Mission

Creameries with the purpose in mind of setting up an over-all negotiating committee, as there is too much differential in rates for some local unions doing the same work for the same companies when only the geographical line exists.

We are happy to report the processed milk and the seed warehouse contracts have been settled.

### BLOOD DONORS

The following members donated blood on Jan. 5: Clarence Horton, Vaughn Chitwood, Gayle Sutherland, Earl Ritchey, Ray Barton, Ed Thomsen, Pierre Richlin, Earl Montgomery, Joe Reagon, Luther Wheeler, William Stephens and Donald Morris.

The need for blood is ever increasing. Won't YOU donate the first Monday in February?

### NEWS BITS

Otto Boatman is patiently waiting to see his son who has just returned to Camp Stoneman after serving 19 months in Korea.

Harry Unti, driver for Modern Bakery, is now recuperating at his home after being confined in the hospital with pneumonia.

We hope Camillo Meschi will be completely recovered in a very short time. He is an employee of Associated Produce in Castroville and suffered a heart attack recently.

### MONTEREY MEMBERS:

Don't forget to attend your regular meeting this Thursday, Jan. 15.

## Labor Paper to Print Management Gripes

Newark, N. J. (LPA)—The New Jersey Labor Herald, with its January issue, starts a new regular column called "Management's Point of View."

As explained in an announcement in the previous issue, "management has complained they seldom can tell their story to labor or of our state. This will be its chance."

Editor of the Labor Herald is Lewis Herrmann, secretary-treasurer of the Intl. Labor Press of America and a member of the board of Labor Press Associated.



**NEW PLUMBERS' HEAD.**—Peter T. Schoemann, above, is the new president of the United Assn. of Plumbers and Steamfitters, replacing Martin Durkin, who resigned to become Secretary of Labor in the Cabinet of President-elect Eisenhower. Schoemann had been first vice-president.

## Can Meet Threat of Depression

Expanding industry can meet the threat of a business depression during the years 1954 and 1955 when defense spending tapers off, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The 80,000-word report of the department, entitled "Markets After the Defense Expansion," also said that 1953 would be "another year of good business."

### MODIFYING CAUTIONS

The statements were made with modifying cautions. That 1953 would be a good year was predicted on an expected further rise in defense expenditures, continued strong investment demand, and what was said to be a sound business inventory position. These, said the report, "point toward the strong probability, thought of course no certainty," of continued high business activity in 1953.

The crucial year was expected to be 1955, when a decline in defense spending would provide "a serious test of the strength of the economy."

### '55 CRITICAL YEAR

This reduction would be principally in the durable goods and construction industries, the report said, and "1955 appears to be a year in which it will be of major importance sizably to expand private markets to maintain a high level of business activity."

The department survey was undertaken in connection with the Committee for Economic Development, a private non-profit research organization.

The purpose is to draw a composite picture of the major problems confronting business and industry in the U.S. resulting from the gradual curtailment of spending from the present level of \$50 billion a year.

## Bus Drivers Befriend Blind Broom Seller

Springfield, Mo. (LPA)—This city's AFL bus drivers, each of whom he knows by name but only through voice, have presented their annual gift of \$25 to Granville W. Thompson, blind since he was injured by a shotgun blast in 1914. Selling brooms to housewives since 1920, he rides the buses to deliver them, but seldom do the drivers, with whom he is a great favorite, have to tell him where to get off. He usually knows just where he is and gets around Springfield better and quicker than some persons who can see.

# FEAR LABOR PRESS INFLUENCE, SEEK SUBSTITUTE FOR IT

New York (LPA)—Employers are being offered a new weapon to fight labor—this time a sugar-coated "message" which, in the promoters' own words, workers are supposed to "lap up." It's a pamphlet called "Letter to Americans" published by an outfit calling itself the Bureau of Business Practice in New London, Conn.

While the newsletter "may seem innocent at first glance, the first issue and the ones to come contain some of the most vicious National Assn. of Manufacturers propaganda ever disguised for your consumption, or rather indigestion," workers are warned by the Assn. of Catholic Trade Unionists.

ACTU published excerpts from a letter exposing aims of the new propaganda medium which some firms have begun to distribute to their employees. "Letter to Americans," thousands of employers were told, would:

"Steal the thunder from the labor press; kill grievances at the very source; open the worker's mind to your (the bosses') own headaches and your own problems—and improve your chance for better production at lower cost."

The Bureau claims its publication is a "modern management technique" wherein the employer's message is "wrapped up in timely news and information. The workers lap it up—and ask for more!" Furthermore, the boss was told, "you can tell your story, and make it stick. We see to it that the employer message does not stick out like a sore thumb."

ACTU urged shop stewards and committeemen, "if the boss hands out these sugar-coated lies to your fellow workers," to tell them of the letter sent to employers and "don't let them 'lap it up' like the boss wants."

## Orcutt, Labor Editor, Heart Attack Victim

(State Fed. Release)

Striking twice within a year, death last week claimed another editor of the "Labor Leader," official newspaper of the San Diego Central Labor Council.

Eddy Orcutt, who just eight months ago succeeded the late Wells Toft, died of a sudden heart attack in his San Diego home. He was 59.

The veteran journalist was a native of San Diego and a noted fiction writer whose stories had appeared in such national publications as the Saturday Evening Post.

The deceased editor had taken an active part in the third annual state AFL press institute held November 29-30 in Santa Barbara and enjoyed excellent health until four days before his death.

Orcutt was a brilliant stylist, his labor articles being distinguished by lively language and sharp wit. He had served as chief editorial writer of the San Diego Union for more than a decade before abandoning commercial press work in 1936.

Hinsdale, Ill. (LPA)—Plumbers Local 130 has helped raise more than \$15,000 for a new wing at Mayslake Retreat. Union members have been attending week-end retreats there for 25 years.

## Administrator Named For Detroit Building Trades Welfare Fund

Detroit (LPA)—Long associated with the labor movement in this city and currently chairman of the Michigan Employment Security Commission, Morton "Pat" Zimmerman has been named administrator of the new Detroit and Vicinity Construction Workers Welfare Fund.

The fund is part of the health and welfare plan of six AFL building trades unions with 30,000 members and seven employer groups. Involved are the Carpenters, Bricklayers, Hoisting Engineers, Laborers, Cement Masons, and Reinforced Steel Workers locals.

Agreements to set up the plan were won by the unions following the strike of carpenters here in May and June 1951, with demands for health and welfare protection one of the prime factors in the dispute. Each employer pays 5c an hour into the fund up to 48 hours a week for each worker. Steve Butts of the Mason Contractors Assn. is chairman of the fund. The secretary-treasurer is L. M. "Boots" Weir, who holds the same post with the Carpenters District Council and is a member of the Detroit Building Trades Council.

### LABOR COMMISSIONER

Jackson, Tenn.—W. H. Billy Parham succeeded L. Lee Case, Chattanooga, as Tennessee Commissioner of Labor. Parham, 42, is a member of the Motion Picture Operators in Jackson.

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## LABOR BATTLES IN 44 STATES

Labor organizations throughout the country are laying battle lines for a critical year ahead, not only in Congress, but in state capitols. Legislatures will hold regular sessions in 44 states during 1953, most convening early in January.

The November election changed the complexion of many of the state law-making bodies, adding to the number of reactionary majorities.

Meantime state Manufacturers' Associations and Chambers of Commerce are building up slush funds in preparation for unprecedented lobbying efforts to put over anti-labor legislation.

Thus, labor's forces in the states have a double fight on their hands—to block new repressive laws while pressing for adoption of their own programs.

### UNION-BUSTING BILLS

Chamber of Commerce campaigns for union-busting bills already have been uncovered in many states. The Indiana State Federation, for example, warned all local bodies in the state that the C. of C. is spearheading a drive to turn back the clock to the days of sweatshops and "yellow dog" contracts.

In Missouri, Pres. Mel Horn of a Teamsters' local told of the C. of C. canvassing business firms for contributions to a \$100,000 slush fund to back a fake "right to work" law prohibiting union shop contracts and establishing new bans on picketing.

Horn, who is the son of the late Roy Horn, long-time president of the Blacksmiths, suggested a legislative probe to find out "why they want so much money and just who is behind the bills the State Chamber is fronting for." Such funds have resulted in several scandals in the state capitol in the past, including one only last year raised by the Truckers' Lobby.

As in most states, improved workmen's compensation and unemployment insurance programs

are high on the list of measures backed by the State Federations in both Missouri and Indiana. The Indiana body also is asking a state wage and hour law, as well as repeal of a compulsory arbitration law.

The New Jersey Federation, through its executive board, has adopted a comprehensive legislative program embracing some 30 bills. One of the most important would provide full hospital and medical-surgical insurance for all workers covered by unemployment and temporary disability benefit laws, to be financed from the reserve funds already built up by those programs.

## Bauer Articles In Booklet Form

Selections from the many writings of the late Kaspar Bauer, former president of the Santa Cruz Labor Council and leader in activities of the Butchers Union, have been compiled into an organizational booklet by the international union.

The articles, many of which appeared in this paper some years ago, are used to point out to new members the trials and tribulations during the growth of the labor movement, and the booklet was printed with permission of his widow, Mrs. Anna Bauer, who still resides in Felton. Copies of the booklet are not yet available for general usage.

## Mark-up on Food At Highest Point In Seven Years

Washington (LPA)—The spread between what the farmer gets for the food he raises and what the housewife has to pay at the stores is at the highest point in seven years, the U.S. Agriculture Dept. reported at year's end.

The farmer is now getting only 47c out of every dollar which consumers pay for food, based on late 1952 figures. That's the smallest farm share since the end of World War II. The index of farm prices fell three per cent between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15, to the lowest point in more than two years, with farm prices now 12 per cent under those at the end of 1951. But the prices paid out by the farmer are virtually unchanged.

Agriculture Dept. officials said little of the drop in farm prices has been reflected so far in what the housewife pays. Meanwhile, the National Industrial Conference Board said the family food bill now is two and one-half times as high as just before World War II. Meat prices are almost triple, with cereals and bakery goods almost double.

## 1,600 Bakery Workers In Detroit Receive 9c Wage Increase

Detroit (LPA)—As the result of belated action by the Michigan Wage Stabilization Board nearly 1600 members of Locals 51 and 326, AFL Bakery Workers, received a 9-cent hourly raise.

The decision affects employees of companies comprising more than 60 per cent of Detroit's baking industry.

The increase also includes 12 cents an hour for 200 garage workers, and 14 cents an hour for 34 maintenance men.

## BUTCHERS WAIT STATE PARLEY IN S.F. SOON

Officials of the Butchers Union here will attend the 80th convention of the Western Federation of Butchers of California, sessions of which will be held in the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, starting Feb. 2. Conventions are held every two years, last having been in Santa Barbara, and 125 delegates are expected.

Heading the State Federation are Max J. Osslo, of San Diego, president, and Mike Guerrero, of San Francisco, secretary-treasurer. Earl A. Moorehead, secretary of San Jose Local 506, is a district vice president. For many years Milton S. Maxwell, prominent San Francisco butcher leader and an international vice president for the craft headed the Federation.

Governor Earl Warren and other government officials have been invited to address the convention. C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, and Geo. Johns, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, will greet the delegates.

Among its many functions, the Western Federation of Butchers has always stressed research and educational work. Typical of this activity is the educational conference that has been scheduled for the 3 days preceding the opening of the convention, in collaboration with the University of San Francisco and to be held on the USF campus, starting January 29.

## Short 6 Months Of 30 Yrs. Service, Is Denied Pension

Fowler, Calif. (LPA)—When P. S. Rice had a heart attack while working in the caboose, he was hospitalized for six months, told he could never work again. He could prove only 29½ years of service—and 30 years was needed to be eligible for a pension.

He applied to the railroad to create a job as janitor in the Fowler depot, sweeping out one day a month, at \$5 a day, for six months, so he could get in his time and qualify. The superintendent wrote back, "We are not interested."

Then Rice wrote to his union, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. They made him their chaplain, paid him for six months. That qualified him, and he got his pension. He wrote to the Railroad Labor News that now he is "able to hold up my gray head and be a member of my community instead of sitting on the poorhouse steps."

Actually he had had more than 40 years of service, but 12 years of that had been "under a flag" in various parts of the country, so he could not prove the service.

## AFL Urges Caution In Wage Bargaining Under New Index

Washington (LPA)—The AFL has urged all affiliates to use "utmost caution" in negotiating wage agreements affected by the new Consumer Price Index, which "is at best an incomplete and approximate measure." The AFL Cost of Living Committee pointed out that more than 3 million workers covered by escalator clauses are directly affected by the changes in the index.

Gary, Ind. (LPA)—A wage increase of \$30 a month has been won by members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers employed by the Lake County Welfare Department.

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## The New Congress

The new 83d Congress, now in the capital for its opening session, has its work cut out for it.

The peace of the world and the prosperity of the nation depend, in large measure, upon the decisions to be made in the next few months by this Congress.

We hope that Congress will measure up to its manifold and heavy responsibilities. We hope that its Republican leaders, in power for the first time since 1946, will forego temptations to take partisan advantage and place the welfare of the country first.

Aside from preliminary skirmishes over organization, the new Congress is expected to mark time until Dwight D. Eisenhower assumes office as President of the United States on Jan. 20 and submits his program. It is also expected that this Congress—for a time, at least—will cooperate closely with the new President. America hasn't had any real cooperation between Congress and the White House for many years. Coming at this critical juncture in world history, national unity at the top level could bring—and should bring—beneficial results.

## Where Communists Thrive

Business Week magazine reports that Communism is strong in Morocco "because the French have never dared to permit local labor unions."

As the American Federation of Labor has said repeatedly, dictatorship flourishes where trade unions languish, or are never permitted to be formed.

## Never Complete Until . . .

Dr. Clarence Poe, a conservative southerner who edits the Progressive Farmer, said in the report of the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation that federal aid to states is "justified . . . as the only effective way of insuring medical care for all people."

Said Poe, "Our democracy will never be complete until every person, rich or poor, high or low, urban or rural, white or black, has an equal right to adequate hospital and medical care whenever and wherever he makes the same grim battle against ever-menacing death, which sooner or later we must all make."

## Keep Your Eyes Open

Another super-patriot, hate-labor lobby has been organized. Calling itself "Operation America, Inc.," it is set up as a clearing house and coordinator for such other breast-beating, flag-waving outfits as the Committee for Constitutional Government, the National Economic Council, and the Foundation for Economic Education. Its officers say they will be in a position to bring pressure to bear on Congress.

Just the other day, the FEE, a DuPont-Pew-Big Business outfit, said free public education for all children and abolition of child labor in the factories are "Communist" trends toward "destruction of freedom." The CCG and the NEC hold similar views.

Operation America's president, Arnold Kruckman, says he is strongly against U. S. participation in the United Nations and "any other scheme involving world cooperation." He feels that Sen. Joe McCarthy has done "a fine job," and believes Father Coughlin and Gerald L. K. Smith have been "much maligned."

Operation America is alerting its members against attempts to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act, expand international cooperation, set up a Fair Employment Practices Commission and broaden Social Security coverage.

Among Operation America's directors are ex-Rep. Howard Buffet (R., Neb.) and Rep. Frederic Coudert (R., N.Y.).

Last June, the organization called its first conference of groups advocating "Constitutional government." Among those who showed up were Vivien Kellems, who refuses to pay social security taxes for employees in her manufacturing plant, and representatives of the CCG, headed by Edward Rumely who once served a jail term for failing to register as an agent of Kaiser Wilhelm during World War I.

Operation America will raise a lot of money for its plot to force reactionary legislation through Congress.

Keep your eyes open.



Washington, D. C.

## • Into the Fourth Year . . .

It was three years ago that I made my first broadcast for the American Federation of Labor. Those three years just past have gone all too swiftly. They were hectic years in many respects . . . but always interesting. For a labor organization to have a nation-wide radio program of such scope constituted a sizable experiment—even for an organization with the resources and size of the AFL.

During those three years, I have tried to report to you on the important news . . . and the meaning of the news. I have tried to keep you informed on men and events so that you could better evaluate them in terms of your own understanding. In other words: I have tried to give you news and information which you were not likely to get elsewhere.

My work day begins about ten in the morning . . . answering phone calls, interviewing people both in and out of government who have stories or leads to stories. Checking facts and discarding phonies . . . trying to separate the wheat from the chaff. Writing this program takes about three hours . . . getting the material together occupies the rest of the day.

But it is interesting work . . . and I want to thank those of you who have contributed your support by listening . . . and to thank the men and women of the American Federation of Labor who have made the program possible.

This week we will start our fourth year on the air . . . good night . . . good news . . . and good luck.

## JOKES, Etc.

Marilyn Monroe, who freed the women of this country from slavery to girdles and bras simply by shedding them (and got a roar of applause from American men), is now the idol of the younger set. San Diego Labor Leader reports this high school by-word: "Look, Ma, no bra!"

First Banker: "You say you're looking for a cashier? I thought you hired one last week?"

Second Banker: "I did. That's the one I'm looking for."

From the sign on a wall in a Nevada restaurant: "We have an agreement with the First National Bank: They serve no sandwiches, we cash no checks."

School Attendance Officer (on telephone): "You say Johnny has a bad cold and can't come to school? Who is this speaking?"

Voice (in gruff tone): "This is my father."

## House Red Posse Turns Sights on Unions, Schools

Washington (LPA)—Labor unions and the nation's schools, both public and private, are 1953 targets for the House un-American Activities Committee, its annual report says.

The Red hunters, while recognizing the fallacies of the non-Communist oath requirement of the Taft-Hartley law, urged instead that congressional committees investigate unions and bar them from the benefits of the National Labor Relations Board's facilities if the probes find indications of Communism.

As an example, the committee cited Local 600, CIO United Auto Workers, which it described as a "prime target" of the Communist Party. Published accounts of the report, however, made no mention of the UAW's seizure of Local 600 early this year, operating it under a trusteeship while identified Reds were purged, and later turning the local back to its members.

The committee attacked the NLRB for not investigating unions itself. The labor board replied that Congress didn't allow it enough money for such activities, and it pointed out that it turns over non-Communist oaths to the Justice Department for investigation and prosecution if false.

The committee's plans for probing the schools were announced by its new chairmanship, Rep. Harold H. Velde (R., Ill.), and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.), who will head a similar Senate committee. Velde said opposition would come from "left-wing educators." McCarthy admitted that he expects to be accused of "thought control."

"The older generation thought nothing of getting up at 6 o'clock in the morning."

"The younger generation doesn't think much of it, either."

Man (to psychiatrist): "My wife has developed an inferiority complex. What can I do to keep her that way?"

Teacher: "Let's count the members of the Smith family. There's father, mother, and baby. How many is that?"

Johnny: "Two and one to carry."

He: "Would you sell yourself for a million dollars?"

She: "Why, yes, I think I would."

He: "Would you sell yourself for two dollars?"

She (shocked): "What do you think I am?"

He: "We've already settled that. Now we're haggling over price."

Joan: "What kind of husband do you advise me to get?"

Jane: "You get a single man! Leave the husbands alone."

Flattery corrupts both the receiver and the giver.—Burke.

Neighbor Jones comments that the most disillusioned girls are those who married because they were tired of working.

"I didn't know Smith had twins," commented his friend.

"My dear," replied the friend's wife, "he married a telephone operator, and of course she gave him the wrong number."

Our friend Joseph X. Paup, the gent of debatable character, returned Christmas Eve from a "run" with the volunteer firemen of a town near his home. The fire was in a theater ladies dressing room behind stage. Said Joe excitedly, "It took half an hour to put out the fire and four hours to put out the firemen!"



SHE'S NOT TELLING.—Kitty Carlisle is one of the panelists on CBS-TV's "I've Got a Secret."—(LPA).



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone OYpress 2-2480.

Mr. Wage-Earner and Wife: Are you among those who, when you hear the term old-age and survivors insurance, close your minds with the remark, "This wage-earner will never live to be 65 years old"?

Then, how about "survivors insurance"? If you do not live to be 65 years of age to enjoy the fruits of the taxes you have paid in work covered by social security, then the phrase "survivors insurance" is most important to you.

In other words, you, Mr. Wage-Earner, and your family can't lose. Under the social security program there is a combination of protection: retirement insurance, and survivors insurance.

If you have been employed in work covered by the Social Security Act a sufficient length of time and retire at or after age 65, you, your 65-year-old wife, or your wife at any age if you have children under 18, and those children, may be entitled to this retirement insurance.

And, Mr. Wage-Earner, whether or not you live to celebrate your 65th birthday, your widow and minor children may be entitled to receive monthly survivors' benefits. In some instances aged dependent parents are the beneficiaries.

This program originally was planned to pay benefits only to the retired worker, but with the various changes in the law the number of family beneficiaries today equals the number of old-age beneficiaries themselves.

For further information on this or any other points concerning your social security, get in touch with the Social Security Field Office located at the above address.

## ICFTU Grants \$1400 To General Strike Of 20,000 in Iceland

Reykjavik, Iceland (LPA)—An emergency grant of \$1,400 has been made by the Intl. Confederation of Free Trade Unions for the general strike of 20,000 workers which started Dec. 1 in Iceland.

The grant was made in response to an urgent appeal from Jon Sigurdson, general secretary of the Iceland Federation of Labor, which called the strike after a breakdown of negotiations.

The unions were asking a basic wage boost of 15 per cent, with a minimum of 60c an hour; monthly, instead of the present quarterly, adjustments in the cost-of-living bonus; creation of an unemployment fund to which employers could contribute a sum equivalent to four per cent of all wages paid; an increase in paid holidays from 12 to 18 per year; investigation of the possibility of starting a 40-hour week; and establishment of apprentice wages as a fixed percentage of craftsmen's scales, ranging from 40 per cent in the first year to 70 per cent in the fourth.

Earlier, the unions had submitted proposals to the government for measures designed to lower prices, rents, and direct taxation on lower incomes. The unions indicated that if these were accepted, they would be considered the equivalent of a direct wage increase, but the proposals were rejected.

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# HEALTH PLAN IS THE ONLY WAY TO AID ALL

(AFL Release)

The American Federation of Labor will continue to fight for a federal health insurance program that covers every family, George Meany, AFL president, declared in a signed editorial appearing in the forthcoming January issue of the American Federationist, the AFL monthly magazine.

## Can't Live On Old Age Payments

(AFL Release)

Ninety percent of the labor force in the U.S. is now covered by some form of old-age pension, but the benefits for most are far too low to live on, according to a survey made by the Joint Congressional Economic Committee.

Eight out of 10 of the covered workers are under the federal old-age retirement system, and 1 out of 5 of those also has protection from a private pension plan, said the report.

### BENEFITS LOW

However, "benefits are low, on the average, considerably below subsistence except for those few, some 350,000, who are drawing pensions under both old-age and survivors' insurance and private plans. The situation of aged widows is particularly unsatisfactory."

One group for whom present arrangements are inadequate is made up of those who retire prematurely because of disability, the report says.

The survey was made for the Congressional committee by the National Planning Association, and was under the direction of Robert M. Ball, assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Old Age and Survivors' Insurance.

In making public the report, Sen. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, predicted it will become a "best seller" on the shelves of the Superintendent of Documents of the Government Printing Office. Sen. O'Mahoney said it will be available at 30 cents a copy.

## Helen Bell, Now Paulson, Visits Her Old Friends

Some six years ago Helen Bell, a former Vallejo store clerk and recording secretary of Retail Clerks 373, was brought back to her home town from Weimar Sanatorium in the Sierra Nevada foothills, where she had been treated, unsuccessfully, for tuberculosis. Helen, who is a brave girl, always refused to accept it, but it seemed very likely in 1947 that she had not many more months to live.

An examination revealed that immediate surgery might give her a fighting chance. She would gladly have taken it, but then as now that sort of surgery came high.

And Helen, who hadn't worked for years, had no money. But her union, the Retail Clerks, did have some funds on hand, and what it didn't have was raised, and fast.

Helen had the surgery she needed. By the next year she was so much better, had so much hope of life, that she married. Two weeks ago Helen, now Helen Paulson, visited the union's Vallejo office. She is almost completely recovered—so much so that she is able to take care of her house, her husband, and her children. She lives in San Francisco now, but she wants all her Vallejo friends, especially her old union brothers and sisters, to know she hasn't forgotten either them or what they did.

Meany said that such a program would not interfere with the freedom of choice of either doctor or patient and would be compulsory only in the sense that taxes always are compulsory.

Meany's comments were in an editorial entitled, "The Nation's Health." Text of the editorial follows:

"The report of President Truman's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation emphasizes the gross inadequacy of existing health services. The Commission strongly recommends a number of vital steps to improve medical facilities and to provide adequate care for the health of the American people.

"So far, so good. The recommendations, in this respect, completely vindicate the stand taken by the American Federation of Labor in support of programs to assure more doctors, more nurses, more and better hospitals, expanded and improved local health facilities, and stronger research support. At the same time, the Commission's unanimous findings cut the ground from under the American Medical Association's stand-pat resistance against federal assistance to medical education and hospital development.

"But on one basic point the majority of the Commission failed to come to grips with the facts—that is, the question of how adequate medical care can be brought within the financial reach of the majority of American families.

### 'COMPROMISE' PLAN

"Obviously and admittedly anxious to avoid a showdown fight with the AMA, the Commission majority suggested a so-called compromise plan. The plan proposes state-controlled and federally-aided health insurance programs on an entirely voluntary basis of participation by the states and by individuals.

"The trouble with this proposal is that inevitably it will leave wide-open gaps in coverage precisely in the areas where the need is greatest.

"The American Federation of Labor is even more strongly convinced than before that protection against the economic hazards of illness can be brought within reach of the average family only by a federal social insurance program with universal coverage.

"Such a health insurance system would be compulsory only in the sense that taxes always are compulsory. It would not mean federal regimentation of medicine, since the emphasis would be on community administration. It would not interfere with the freedom of choice of either doctor or patient.

"But it would mean a single, simple system of insurance against the high cost of medical care to which every family would contribute through taxes and from which every family could benefit.

"This is the goal we seek and will continue to fight for."

## Fancy Claims Made For 'Shur-Edge' Knives Curbed by the FTC

Perry, N.Y. (LPA)—The makers of "Robeson 'Frozen Heat' Shur-Edge Knives" have promised the Federal Trade Commission to stop claiming that the process used in making Robeson cutlery is new or revolutionary or outmoded conventional methods; that Robeson knives will stay sharp for three years or for any other period of time not in accordance with the facts.

## Bakers Float Awarded Prize



Millions hailed the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union of America's salute to the New Year through the medium of its float, "The Good Ship Lollypop," in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, New Year's Day. The prize-winning entry featured a chocolate ship on a gum drop sea complete with candy cane mast and bowsprit with attractive young girls manning lollypop oars. The Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union Label was featured on the sides of the float. The entry appeared on a national television hook-up.

## Meany Says AFL In Politics to Stay; Talks Labor Party

Washington (LPA).—The AFL is in politics to stay and is even ready to lend its aid in forming a labor party should that appear necessary, President George Meany said in a radio interview. "We don't like to be in politics, but we are going to be in it to whatever extent is necessary to carry out our objectives."

A main AFL objective now, Meany declared, was to obtain amendments that would "make the Taft-Hartley law look something like we would like it to look" and he expressed confidence that organized labor would "get the kind of law we want" through amendment of the act. He pointed out that the AFL had always coupled its demand for T-H repeal with "immediate or simultaneous enactment of a fair law."

Meanwhile, Sen. Herman Welker of Idaho, aligned with the more conservative Republicans in Congress, said his party would work "to correct the Taft-Hartley act so that it will be acceptable to all labor." He said he did not believe Senator Taft "would even suggest opposing confirmation" as Secretary of Labor of Martin P. Durkin, former president of the AFL Plumbers, whose appointment Taft had criticized as "incredible."

Meany said Durkin, with "more money and more personnel, could rehabilitate activities of the Labor Department that Congress curtailed in recent years. He pointed out, however, that even with the backing of President Eisenhower this could not be attained "without some support in Congress."

A special AFL committee headed by Vice President Matthew Woll met here Dec. 22 to begin documenting damage Taft-Hartley has done to organized labor, including unions in the building, metal and printing trades, the amusement industry and textiles. The committee scheduled another meeting prior to the Executive Council sessions in January. Findings will be presented to Congressional committees considering changes in Taft-Hartley.

Los Angeles (LPA)—The day after Christmas, Joe Luscher of Butchers Local 563 retired after working in the meat packing industry since 1905. He started in Denver, then was employed here and in San Diego, ending with 28 years and 15 days service with the Luer plant here. He has booked passage for a spring trip to Switzerland.

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## Making Ends Meet More Foods on the Market And Prices May Be Lower

By BERT SEIDMAN

The nation's farms will produce slightly more food this year than in 1952.

That is the over-all forecast of the Department of Agriculture. There should be more beef and veal, chicken, margarine, fresh and frozen vegetables, frozen fruits, fruit juices, and sweet potatoes. There will probably be less pork, eggs, turkey and butter.

The department also has something to say about prices. It predicts higher prices for turkey, eggs, butter, bread, and some other cereal products, dry beans and canned vegetables. Prices may drop somewhat for beef and veal (particularly the lower grades), lamb and mutton, chicken, fish, frozen fruit juices, and fresh vegetables. Prices of most other foods will remain at 1952's high level.

### RULES FOR FOOD BUYING

Here are some suggestions for food buying which may help you get more value from every food dollar:

1. Make your own selection of perishables.
2. Don't handle fruits and vegetables unnecessarily.
3. Remember that the largest isn't always the best.
4. Of course, look for low prices but observe quality and condition carefully.
5. Try to buy the fruits and vegetables in season in your area.
6. Make sure that containers hold full measure.
7. Try to get the latest information on market prices and available supplies through your newspaper and food programs on radio and TV.
8. Look for U.S. Grades on such products as meats and eggs as helpful guides to quality.

### NUTRITION QUACKERY

Many of the so-called health foods that are so widely advertised fall far short of fulfilling all of the extravagant claims that are made for them.

In a recent speech, Food and Drug Commissioner W. C. Crawford stated: "Widespread nutrition quackery today is exploiting the consumer's pocketbook and too frequently impairing his health by inducing him to rely on bizarre diets and nutritional nostrums for treatment of serious diseases."

According to Crawford, all too frequently older people or the chronically ailing are among the unfortunate victims of nutrition quacks who undermine their confidence in abundant common foods and reliable medical advice.

Crawford pointed out that present laws are inadequate to protect against nutrition frauds. He said that false or misleading information about nutrition may be freely publicized without fear of legal action such as applies to false labeling or advertising.

### DON'T FORGET THE UNION SHOP CARD

As a loyal union member, you should always buy union label merchandise, but don't forget to give your trade to establishments displaying the union shop card. They are reliable firms employing union men and women under union working conditions.

## BORROWERS HIT BY SOARING INTEREST RATE

(AFL Release)

New York City.—Bankers are cheering the soaring rates of interest paid by the U. S. Treasury on government bonds, while businessmen and home owners who borrow from them are less happy. Bank rates to small borrowers rise and fall with government rates.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the latest batch of government 90-day bills—more than \$1 billion worth—was marketed at 2.2 per cent, or more than double the rate of 1 per cent which was in effect three years ago. Bankers are the largest holders of short-term "government bonds."

"The rise in rates," the paper said, "will spread to most varieties of federal securities coming due in the next few years, as the Treasury sells new bonds to replace maturing ones. Of course, businessmen who borrow will be charged more, too. In 1949 the average rate they paid in 19 big cities was 2.7 per cent; it had already risen to 3.5 per cent."

The Veterans Administration reported that ex-servicemen are having an increasingly difficult time trying to borrow money at 4 per cent with which to buy homes under the "GI bill of rights."



## Union Busters Needed!

# Rich Farmers Scheme to Import 7,000 Japanese

(State Fed. Release)

A plot to import thousands of Japanese workers for exploitation on big California farms was charged in Washington, D.C. this week by H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Agricultural Workers Union, AFL.

Mitchell claimed that, on Dec. 28, the Nippon Times (English language daily) of Tokyo, published an article stating that the Citrus Growers Assn. of Ventura, Calif., had requested Governor Shinji Ono of the Wakayama Prefecture to recruit 7,000 Japanese farm workers to be sent to the United States to work in the orange and lemon groves on the Pacific Coast.

According to Mitchell, the paper stated the Association wants 14,000 men from 18 to 30 years of age to work at wages of \$2 a day plus room and board.

The AFL farm leader issued the following statement:

"It seems that there is no limit to which some large farm operators in the United States will go in an effort to find labor to exploit at low wages. The present farm wage rates in California average about \$1 an hour. American fruit pickers are skilled workers paid on a piece rate basis of 12c to 20c a box, and on good days some of them earn \$12 or \$15, depending on the condition of the groves and the number of workers available. They will at least average nearly \$1 an hour for the time they can work. It is quite obvious that the Ventura citrus growers are making these plans for importing Japanese as a threat to keep down the wages of American workers. If workers will not accept wage cuts, the growers will tell them they can bring in Japanese at \$2 a day to take their jobs.

"Our union is calling this matter to the attention of the Departments of Justice and Labor. There is no real labor shortage in Amer-

ican agriculture, only a shortage in wages and an abundance of poor working conditions. Large-scale factory farm operators, particularly in the Southwest and Pacific Coast states, want two men for every job, and they will go to any extent to bring in foreign workers to exploit. Our union opposes importation of workers who are not needed, whether they are to be brought in from poverty stricken areas of Latin America or Asia."

Mitchell first received information about the Japanese scheme from Richard L. G. Deverall of the AFL Free Trade Union Committee. Deverall is now stationed in Tokyo.

## Seek Foods to Help Retain Calcium

Los Angeles.—Because of the importance of calcium to the human body, an investigation of how certain foods aid in retaining calcium has been initiated on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

The study is being made by Dr. Marguerite Mallon, Dorothy Lord, Rena Rosenblatt and Evelyn Jones of the Home Economics Dept.

Calcium is important not only for good teeth and good bone structure, but also is vital in life processes of tissue, the investigators point out. Nutrition authorities agree that the ordinary diet may be deficient in calcium, so it is important to find what foods aid in retaining calcium.

The study has revealed that the juices of some citrus fruits aid in calcium retention whereas others have no significant effect in this respect. For example, in studies with rats grapefruit juice increased calcium retention but lemon and lime juice had no effect.

The researchers emphasized that results of their experiments should not be confused with the needs of vitamin C for humans. Rats do not require vitamin C because they have the ability to synthesize their own.

## Two Groups See Some Hope for U.S. Civil Rights

New York (LPA).—Two organizations have voiced cautious optimism over the future of civil rights in America in spite of congressional stalling on adequate legislation and continued outbreaks of violence here and there.

In observance of the 161st Bill of Rights, Day Dec. 15, the American Jewish Committee released a pamphlet, "The People Take the Lead," reporting progress made in the last five years since the historic report by the President's Committee on Civil Rights. This showed improvements in conditions in the armed services, athletics, citizenship, education, employment, housing, public accommodation and in professional, business, fraternal and religious societies.

On the other hand, it noted, "the record is not all shining. Bigots seeking to halt civil rights advances have incited shocking outbreaks of terrorism and repression in a number of communities. Furthermore, major measures recommended by the President's Committee on Civil Rights have remained bottled up in Congress, despite mounting public pressure for their adoption."

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## RETAIL CLERKS NEWS ROUND-UP

### Clerks Union Wins Picketing Case in Court

Los Angeles.—Acting Superior Judge William P. Gallagher refused to halt picketing against the Barcus drug store in Long Beach, near here, after hearing employer witnesses who said a company union is now the bargaining agent.

Retail Clerks Union Local 324, AFL, had been organizing the store clerks. The so-called "United Sales and Service Workers Union" was brought into the store after the AFL organizing and picketing activities had commenced.

Robert W. Gilbert and Louis A. Nissen, union lawyers, argued that the employer's former attorney had brought the company union into the picture. Superior Judges Victor R. Hansen and Frank G. Swain ruled in favor of the arguments.

The case later went to Judge Gallagher who denied the employer's motion for a preliminary injunction under the Jurisdictional Strikes Act. He declared that "if the activities of the employer's attorney amounted to illegal interference when Judge Swain previously denied the injunction, there has been no change of circumstances which would justify my reversing his ruling."

Ventura-Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-San Luis Obispo Local 899 is receiving the congratulations of fellow local unions in California on the inauguration of its new credit union. The government-issued charter has arrived from Washington and this money-saving, money-lending agency, which will save union members many thousands of dollars in high interest charges by loan sharks and in better interest return, is now in operation.

Local 899, a very progressive union, also has a fine health plan which has saved its members uncounted thousands in high doctor and hospital bills against which the individual is helpless.

Congratulations to Local 899 on a splendid job of service to the membership!

The Clerks-Butchers strike at Safeway in Albuquerque and Denver has been settled, it is pleasing to note. Main issue in this two-month beef was the 40-hour week, plus other items. Details on the settlement will come later.

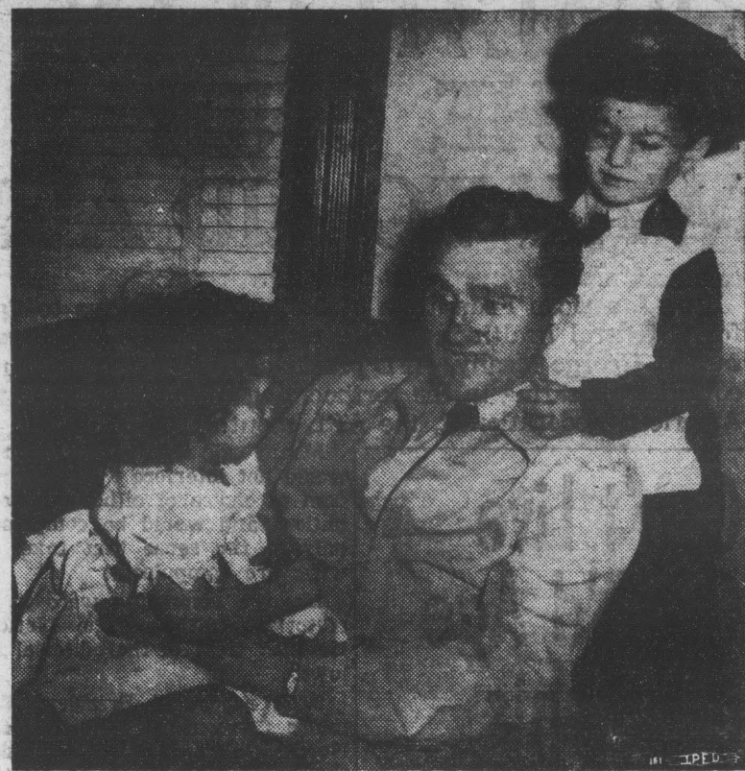
Vallejo Local, summarizing 1952 gains, regards with satisfaction the health benefits, wage increases, and collection of back wages during the year, signing of new contracts, moving into new offices, publicizing the union through a "Sign of the Good Neighbor" program, helping fellow locals in the state. Plans for '53: more organizing to protect working conditions from competition of non-union workers, more public relations, fuller health coverage, clearing of debts, and establishment of a credit union.

The historic Mother Lode country is getting organized these days, as retail clerks are responding to pleas for union membership to lift them out of the slave-wage class. Sacramento, Stockton and Modesto locals are helping organizational work in Angels Camp and Jackson.

Modesto Local 1273 has received WSB approval of \$2 remaining on a \$5 increase, bringing their scale to the N. Calif. standard: \$75 for journeymen, \$80 for head clerks, \$100 for managers, all on 40 hours.

New York (LPA).—Newspaper Guildsman John Crosby, generally rated as tops among television critics, is on the other side of the mike and camera much of the time lately. Appearance of his book, "Out of the Blue," won him many appearances.

Listen to Frank Edwards.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK—AFL Letter Carrier Joseph Watson of Hammond, Ind., took time out from delivering the mail to rescue Alicia, 2, and Jimmy Mahmud, 5, from a fire in their home. Their mother had fainted in the backyard when she saw the flames. The hero has four children of his own. (LPA)

## WE TAKE BEATING ON CAR BATTERIES

Sen. John J. Sparkman (Dem., Ala.) chairman of the Senate Small Business Committee last week authorized publication of a report which may revive old charges that manufacturers deliberately make automobile batteries which won't last long, so they can make more profits by selling more batteries.

The report, Sparkman pointed out, was written by "a group of scientists of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Catholic University of Washington." Both are recognized as leading institutions in education, scientific and engineering research.

### DiSalle Asks NAM, C. of C. to End Boycott of WSB

Washington (LPA)—Sworn in Dec. 22 for a 28-day term as Economic Stabilizer, Michael V. DiSalle announced he would try to restore a tri-partite Wage Stabilization Board by asking businessmen to end their boycott of the board.

He said he had written to the presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers and U. S. Chamber of Commerce, asking them to nominate industry members to replace those who quit after President Truman restored the 40 cents chopped from the miners' \$1.90 a day pay boost by WSB.

A number of businessmen had volunteered for the positions, but changed their minds after the NAM and C. of C. urged them not to serve. WSB public members then were authorized to handle the board's work alone, with labor members acting in a voteless advisory capacity.

DiSalle, who was Price Stabilizer until he resigned early in 1952 to run for the Senate in Ohio, said he would not have returned to a top controls job if he did not think controls still were necessary.

"If we threw out controls tomorrow," he said, "the day after tomorrow we would be under attack because of the disaster that would result. The rise in the cost of living would be slow, but it would be sure. The inevitable result would be further devaluation of the dollar. If we permit this to go any further, we will have no one to blame but ourselves."

DiSalle said that when he submits his resignation to President-elect Eisenhower, he will "present my thoughts on stabilization." He said he wanted to get the controls program in shape and then it would be up to the new administration to decide whether to keep it.

In their report to the Sparkman committee, these scientists say they tested "a product known as Battery AD-X2," and found that it greatly prolongs the life of auto batteries.

They also make the serious charge that the National Bureau of Standards at Washington, Uncle Sam's top scientific research institution, has helped to block use of this product by repeatedly and publicly reporting that it does no good in a battery.

The main charge against the Bureau of Standards scientists is that they are such "experts" on batteries that they don't think it's possible to improve them.

However, the report makes the seemingly significant statement "Vinal and Howard," the two Bureau scientists who wrote a "circular" belittling Battery AD-X2, "have now left the Bureau and are employed by battery companies."

The "Wall Street Journal" reports that two companies have developed new kinds of "separators" which make auto batteries last much longer, but battery manufacturers seem to be in no hurry to use these separators.

In the past, it has been charged that manufacturers know how to make batteries which would last many years, but that they don't want to do so.—(Labor)

## The Family and Economic Security

"... The family, to exercise its good influence in full effectiveness, needs a just measure of economic security. When, in a wealthy and prospering nation, diligent and willing parents are forced to live in grinding poverty; when parents have no opportunity of owning their own home; when the aid of government is extended to those who raise crops or build machines but not to those who rear children; there exists a condition of inequity and even of injustice. Social legislation and social action must concur to improve man's economic opportunity, to enable him to marry early, to free him from the peril of unnaturally limiting his family, and to afford him some certainty of sufficiently gainful employment and some assurance that death or accident will not reduce his dependents to the status of public charges."—(The Hierarchy of the United States on "The Christian Family," Nov. '21, 1949.)

Baltimore (LPA).—The J. Horace McFarland Memorial Trophy, top prize for amateur rose growers, was won by Harold J. Holt of Bricklayers Local 1 at the recent national show in Hershey, Pa.

## Women at Work: Here Is Warning

With more women employed in California industry today than at any other time in history, the December issue of California Safety News contains a timely warning to women workers against special hazards in plants and factories.

Women's inclination for such things as frills and ruffles on clothing, high-heel shoes, jewelry and accessories, and fancy hair styling, while attractive to themselves, all spell potential trouble in the plant.

Worn shoes and shoes with open toes or high heels are dangerous and should not be worn in the plant. High heels can cause twisted ankles and falls, and open toes may result in a smashed foot. The California Safety News points out that safety shoes are just as essential for women as for men, especially if women are required to work with tools and heavy materials.

Because frills and ruffles on work clothes may cause injuries, California's Safety Orders prohibit wearing of outer garments with loose sleeves, tails, flounces, frills, lapels, or cuffs, or such things as full skirts that can be caught in moving machinery.

Jewelry also should be taboo for women workers, as it also can easily catch in moving parts of machinery.

A woman's hair, the article reminds, can catch in moving belts, gears, sprockets, and other parts of moving machinery, possibly scalping the worker. So it recommends that a woman worker's hair be completely covered with a cap or bandana of an approved type.

Women in industry today are holding jobs that once were held by men only, and they are doing those jobs well. It is the employer's duty, the article concludes, to provide women workers with a safe place to work in, and to see that they work safely.



## Want Proof of Unions' Usefulness? 72-Hour Week in Non-Union Phoenix

What'd you want to join the union for? Stick with me, son, I don't need any union around to tell me when to raise wages. Tell you what, you just do a few hours extra work every night and . . .

Sound familiar?

If you were to get in your car and drive south and east for a day or two you'd hear this kind of pitch everywhere.

Secy. Stanley Lathen of Vallejo Retail Clerks 373, back at his desk after a couple of vacation weeks spent in Arizona and Southern California, reports that the wages, hours and conditions of Arizona store clerks are reminiscent of the early 1930's.

In Phoenix, Las Vegas and smaller Nevada and Arizona towns, he reports, store clerks are required to work as long as 60 and even 72 hours a week.

There is all the overtime the boss wants. But there is no overtime pay and no premium pay for night work. Every worker has his own private agreement with the boss as to wages. This is the kind of "private" enterprise where worker is set against worker.

"I came back," Lathen said, "more convinced than ever that the only solution of the economic well-being of working people are strong, aggressive unions. Without them the employer is simply more than a match for any single employee. If you want the proof of this go to Phoenix and investigate for yourself."

Lathen, who got back on Jan. 5 to find his desk piled high with accumulated work, took the trip with Mrs. Lathen and with sons Donald and Robert. The party covered a lot of territory during the two weeks. "I wanted to see for myself, I saw."

These are some of his observations:

**Standard of life:** noticeably lower. Working people in the Southwest, even in the larger towns, live in houses that won't bare comparison with the housing of Vallejo workers. The houses are small, gardenless and often as not paintless. Working class neighborhoods have an appreciably run-down air. "I thought of the kind of home our working people live in and set down the comparison as another argument in favor of unions."

**Distribution of money:** very uneven. In Phoenix, for example, there are rich and poor, "nothing in between."

**"The minute we arrived in Southern California the difference was noticeable."** The Los Angeles locals of the Retail Clerks, 775 and 770, he thinks, "are doing a whale of a job." Lathen visited with H. R. Ratcliffe, business agent of the Phoenix local, and with the officers of both Los Angeles locals.

The offices of the L.A. locals, he said, were a revelation.

**Local 770** very likely has the most modern offices of any union in the U.S. In it, a staff of 56 persons services a rank and file amounting to 12,000 members. One whole room is given over to IBM machines, operated by five men; the minutest information on wages or whatever is forthcoming at a moment's notice through these machines. All statisticians and librarians employed by the local are university graduates. Among other things, the local operates its own welfare plan and its own TV program.

On the way home, he added, they called on Mrs. Don Lockett, widow of the Sears' public relations adviser who died last month.

They also stopped off in Hollywood where son Robert, who was eight years old on New Years Day, appeared as a minor performer in a TV show, the Peanut Circus.

## Much Building Is Planned for Solano

This week's building trades story could be found in Solano County's damp ground.

But, said Council Business Mgr. Lowell Nelson, in terms of work planned the county's future could hardly be brighter.

The Nomellini Construction Company of Stockton has been named low-bidder on two Travis Airbase warehouses at \$1,796,761.

## Pickets at Labor School 54 Men, 8 Girls Get USF Labor- Mgt. School Awards

A total of 62 persons, eight of them girls working in San Francisco union offices, were granted diplomas from the fall term of University of San Francisco Labor-Management School at mid-December graduation ceremonies.

Fathers Geo. E. Lucy, director of the school, Andrew C. Boss, and Raymond T. Feely took part in ceremonies and praised the work of the students. A Grievance Clinic, unrehearsed, was presented as a model procedure for handling a "labor beef." K. M. Miller of Matson Navigation Co. and Chas. S. Benton, secretary of Laborers 389, spoke for management and labor, respectively, in the graduation exercises.

Awarding of diplomas was carried out according to schedule, but one of the girls present, Vera Betty Mahoney, member of Office Employees 3 and working in the office of Retail Delivery Drivers 278, failed to get hers and began an impromptu picketing of Fathers Lucy and Boss, being joined by Bette Leininger in the act of protest, and using "unfair" picket banners that had been used in the earlier "grievance clinic" demonstration.

The two school heads were amazed and a bit concerned at this rather realistic demonstration of union labor displeasure but they relaxed when they learned it was only a gesture protesting the slip-up in awarding the one diploma, an error that was quickly rectified.

Other girls in the fall class included Emily Brewster, Frances Shannon, and Ethel Tomasello, all members of Office Employees 3, the latter employed at the Valencia st. headquarters office of Operating Engineers Local 3.

The USF Labor-Management school has attained renown throughout the West for its splendid classes on all phases of labor-management problems. The fall term students came from widely scattered points in Central California.

Spring Term will open soon, and announcements on dates and classes will be issued by USF shortly.

## Modesto Postal Clerk is Named State Treasurer

Sister Lenore "Peg" Austin, former secretary of Postal Clerks 635, Modesto, and delegate from the union to the Central Labor Council of Stanislaus County, for which body she also currently serves in the office of recording secretary, has recently been named to the office of treasurer of the State Federation of Post Office Clerks, until May, 1954.

A program which has recently been initiated in Modesto by the Ladies Auxiliaries of the Postal Clerks and of the Letter Carriers, respectively and one which has met with considerable success, has been the establishment of "coffee bars" for employees in the Modesto Post Office and also at the Hudson Branch Post Office in Modesto.

Employees are thus afforded an opportunity to have a cup of coffee and a "snack" during their "break periods" without the necessity of leaving the office in which they work.



"Junior, we're ready now... Junior! NOW where is that kid."

## Hit Record High In Number of Jobs in California

The year 1952 closed with more Californians at work in nonfarm establishments than at any time in the history of the State, Paul Scharrenberg, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced today.

During December it is estimated non-agricultural employment reached a record level exceeding 3,830,000 wage and salary workers. This is 5 per cent higher than at year-end 1951, and nearly 12 per cent higher than in December two years ago.

The record December total represents a rise of nearly 50,000 from November when 3,776,400 wage and salary workers were employed in nonfarm establishments in California.

Largest increases over the year occurred in manufacturing, reflecting expansion in defense industries. About 90,000 more wage and salary workers were employed in manufacturing industries at the end of 1952 than at the corresponding period a year ago.

Employment in wholesale and retail trade is estimated to have exceeded last year's December total by more than 30,000. Government employment is up about 20,000. Service establishments employed about 11,000 more workers than a year ago.

Construction employment was up about 9,000 as was the number of wage and salary workers in finance, insurance, and real estate. Transportation, communications, and other utilities employed about 12,000 more workers in December than at year-end 1951.

While seasonal factors will result in reductions in employment during the early months of 1953, the level is expected to continue to exceed all previous records for corresponding months.

## End of Controls Advised By Small Business Group

Washington (LPA)—Price, wage and materials controls should be abandoned, the House Small Business Committee recommended as 1953 got under way. There was unanimous agreement that prices "are unlikely to rise should ceilings be removed." However, the committee, headed by Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.), said there should be some provision to permit the President to impose a "limited price freeze" in case of another emergency.

The committee reported that the percentage of defense contracts going to small firms declined steadily since the Korean war began.

The committee assailed the Federal Trade Commission as "one primary source of weakness" in the government's program to protect small business from "restrictive and oppressive practices which tend to stifle free competition and foster monopoly."

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—Charles T. Crane has been re-elected for another three-year term as secretary and business agent of Local 75, AFL Barbers. He's had the job since 1923. Only man in the state to top him is Gust Anderson, secretary of the Central Labor Council since 1922.

ATTEND YOUR MEETINGS!

# HEALTH PLANS PAY ONLY \$13 OUT OF \$100!

Washington (LPA)—Labor has proved it, the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation has said it, and now a new government survey again proves the point: The claims of the American Medical Association that voluntary health insurance plans are the answer to the nation's health needs are phony.

A report released Jan. 3 by Arthur J. Altmeyer, Commissioner for Social Security, Federal Security Agency, shows that despite the rapid growth of health insurance plans between 83 and 87 per cent of the total cost of sickness was still being met in 1951 by individuals and families, and not by insurance.

Put another way, it means that for every \$100 cost of sickness, only \$13 to \$17 is met by insurance. The rest comes out of your pocket.

### YOU PAY MOST

The report, appearing in the Social Security Bulletin for December 1952, shows that:

1. Of the \$3.316 billion spent by Americans for all kinds of medical care in 1951, only \$1.353 billion was covered by insurance benefits. That is, of every dollar spent on medical care, only 15.3 cents was covered by insurance. The rest came out of your pocket.

2. Of the \$5.4 billion of lost income due to sickness in 1951, only 8.4 per cent was covered by insurance benefits. That is, for every \$50 lost in income due to sickness, only \$4.20 was covered by insurance.

3. If the estimated sickness costs are restricted to the kinds ordinarily covered by insurance, the total for the nation in 1951 was

\$10.6 billion. Of this total only a sixth was covered by all private health insurance plans; that is, 83 persons out of every 100 were NOT insured.

4. The hospitalization insurance benefits of \$897 million covered 36 per cent of the \$2.471 billion of private expenditures for hospital care. That means that 64 persons out of every 100 were not insured and had to pay hospital bills out of their own pockets.

5. Physicians' services cost the nation \$2.684 billion in 1951, but only \$456 million was covered by insurance. That means that 83 persons out of every 100 had to pay the doctors out of their own pockets.

6. Income loss insurable through the common types of insurance policies amounted to \$3.562 billion, but insurance benefits came to only \$456 million, which means that 87 persons out of every 100 were not covered by insurance and, if they were too sick to work, simply lost the income and took a beating.

7. Although group insurance policies increased from \$1.391 billion in 1948 to \$2.409 billion in 1951, and benefits increased, they were still on the average only 75 cents per premium dollar in 1951. Which means that for every \$1 you paid in premiums, the insurance company kept 25 cents.

# MAKE THE OLD FOLKS PAUPERS IS BIG BIZ AIM

"The U. S. Chamber of Commerce is seizing upon the Republican national sweep as the excuse to dissipate almost \$62 billion now in the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund by reducing our Federal Social Security program to a national pauper's dole," George McLain, chairman of the California Institute of Social Welfare, charged this week.

Since 1935 millions of American workers, along with their employers, have been contributing via compulsory wage deductions to the Social Security Agency for their old age, as well as for protection of their survivors in the vent of their death.

As of September 1952 this trust fund had accumulated assets of \$61,914,947,697. The fund is earning interest at the rate of about \$390 million a year. Operating costs are running around \$80 million a year, and this is apart from benefit payments.

"The Old Age and Survivors Insurance program was paying monthly benefits to almost four and seven-tenths million persons at the end of August 1952," McLain explained.

"According to the U. S. News & World Report of Dec. 5, 1952, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce would have Congress completely dismember the 17-year-old Federal Security System," pension veteran McLain declared, "by using the almost \$62 billion trust fund to include farmers, doctors, lawyers, and others now excluded from Social Security."

"U. S. Chamber officials would further abandon the public assistance program by dumping it back on the 48 states through the withdrawal of federal support, and include those 65 years of age and over under the Social Security Act for a minimum benefit of \$25 or \$26 a month per person," McLain pointed out.

"However, what they don't bother telling you," the pension chairman explained, "is that this would be a pauper's dole, and the states operators.

would go back to poorhouses and tin-cup charity as they were 20 years ago when Congress gave the American people their first Social Security program."

Analyzing the C. of C.'s proposed plan, McLain declared the scheme to be a "colossal fraud" and a "steal."

## Charge Pay Chisel By Sugar Growers Getting U. S. Aid

Washington (LPA)—Sugar cane plantations in Louisiana have been chiseling on wages while collecting subsidies from the government, the AFL Agricultural Workers Union charged Dec. 17.

Revealing that 392 claims for unpaid wages totaling \$32,314 were filed by the union, President H. L. Mitchell said: "We estimate that 15,000 workers employed on the large sugar cane plantations of Louisiana have bona fide claims which will total in excess of \$500,000."

The claims, directed against the huge Godchaux Sugar Corp., operators of 31,000 acres in sugar cane, and the South Coast Sugar Plantations, also one of the larger operators, were filed simultaneously with Thomas H. Allen, director of the sugar division, Department of Agriculture, here and with the local production and marketing administration in Louisiana counties where the workers live. They cover 1951 and 1952 and affect mostly tractor drivers and farm machine



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## Navy Yard Set For \$62 Million Job on Carrier

The Essex class carrier Bon Homme Richard has arrived in S. F. Bay from Korean waters, and S. F. Naval Shipyard at Hunters Point is all set to start a \$62 million, two-year conversion on her, the largest ship production job ever undertaken in San Francisco Bay Area.

This job, which means millions going into local payrolls, local business firms, and supplier firms hundreds of miles inland, was won for this region by the AFL metal trades unions, which have been fighting for a fair share of U.S. ship work ever since World War II

ended and coast shipyards were shut down and kept closed—to favor eastern shipyards with all new and repair work and in complete disregard for the defense role of western shipyards.

It is the second large ship contract won by the AFL Metal Trades' seven-year fight for recognition—the first being a \$48-million contract for five of the new torpedo-helicopter-carrying fast Mariner-class freighters, which are now a-building at San Francisco Bethlehem Shipyard.

The Hunters Point job will fit out the big carrier to carry heavy jets and extra fuel. It is one of several such carrier conversions now under way. It will employ 3,400 men for about two years.

The two big contracts, totalling \$100 million, mean jobs and wages for some 5,000 men and their families for two years or more, plus added income for material and supply firms in the Bay Area and in many inland cities. It is generally estimated that one shipyard man at work keeps 12 others employed inland.

Hunters Point has added men in several classifications and undertaken extensive arrangements in preparation for the big conversion job on the Bon Homme Richard, whose decks are still warm from enemy-attacking jet planes.

Bay Cities Metal Trades Council and Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council have led the fight to reactivate defense-vital western shipyards and have forced federal recognition of this need, with the help of west coast congressmen. Smaller industry leaders have aided the fight, but big eastern business has dominated most political and top business leadership on the coast and prevented it from helping. The West has always been in a state of dependency on eastern big business, deprived of basic industry development. Tremendous population growth and the danger and injustice of a lopsided shipyard industry, however, have combined to force Big Biz to yield this \$100 million in new ship work, and the Metal Trades are going to continue the fight for a much larger, fairer share.

## Butchers 506 Pick Officers In This Area

Election of officers of Butchers Union 506 is being conducted at division meetings of the union in Salinas, Monterey, Watsonville and Santa Cruz during January, according to Exec. Secy. Earl A. Moorhead.

The elections have been completed in all divisions except Santa Cruz, where the balloting is to be held Jan. 21. Results, or nominations, include:

**SALINAS** (completed Jan. 5)  
President: Clark Bannert.  
Financial Secy.: Earl A. Moorhead.

Recording Secy.: Wm. Gilbert.  
Guide and Guard: Jerry Mollinari.

**Executive Board:** Slaughterhouse, Ray Artis; retail, James Jacobson; wrappers, Kay Harris; poultry, Lee Milhollen; frozen foods, Jack Schaffer; by-products, Rudolph Mazzei.

**Labor Council Delegates:** Robert Shinn, Kay Harris, and Reuben Anderson.

**MONTEREY** (completed Jan. 6)  
President: Harold Burns.  
Vice President: Phil Moseley.  
Financial Secy.: Earl A. Moorhead.

Recording Secy.: Mildred Schultz  
Guide and Guard: Bill Boland.  
**Executive Board:** Retail, Ken Baker; wholesale, Barney Davi; wrappers, Barbara Moseley.

**WATSONVILLE** (completed Jan. 7)  
President: Francis Biladeaux.  
Vice President: Lee Valnezza.  
Financial Secy.: Earl A. Moorhead.

Recording Secy.: Dave Montoya.  
Guide and Guard: Mario Toccalini.

**Executive Board:** Retail, Tony Radovich; slaughterhouse, David Graxiola; poultry, Bill Lewis.

**SANTA CRUZ** (election Jan. 21)  
President: George Bertorelli and Leo Vitale.

Vice President: Gene Hansen.  
Financial Secy.: Earl A. Moorhead.

Recording Secy.: Al Nadalet.  
Guide and Guard: Morris Morretti.

**Executive Board:** Retail, Warren Head, Ray Holmes, Glen Miller, Joe Stretch; slaughterhouse, Andrew Cardensa; egg workers, Betty Van Ausdale; wrappers, no nominees; poultry, Bill Edwards.

**Sacramento (LPA)**—James M. Casey presented labor's point of view at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Another guest was Jimmy Hicks, editor of the Sacramento Valley Labor Bulletin.

## CONTROLLER



Robert Kirkwood, former San Jose assemblyman, is California's new State Controller, appointed by Gov. Warren to succeed Thomas Kuchel, new U.S. Senator who, in turn, has succeeded Richard Nixon in the Senate.

## Leading Causes Of Death in Calif.

Heart disease, cancer, and accidents continue to be the leading causes of death in California. Estimated numbers for 1952 are approximately the same as in 1951—56,000 from cardiovascular-renal diseases (including heart disease), 15,500 from cancer, and 7,300 from accidents. Together, these three causes account for about 75 per cent of the total deaths.

Your obligation to your union doesn't end with the payment of dues. Attend meetings and take part in union affairs.

## UNION BUSTING DRIVE OPENS IN SACRAMENTO

(State Fed. Release)

Despite an appeal by Governor Warren that lawmakers reject "punitive or retaliatory legislation" in labor-management relations, the 1953 general session of the California legislature opened in Sacramento with reactionary warnings that both houses would pass measures to wreck labor's right to strike, picket, and organize.

The pledge of anti-labor activity was given newsmen by Harold Levering (R., Los Angeles), who led similar raids during the 1949 and 1951 sessions.

In his formal message to the convening Legislature, Governor Warren urged a continuing truce in labor-management affairs, and recommended the following course in the social-economic sphere:

1. Extension of unemployment insurance to farm workers, domestics in private homes, and employees of non-profit religious and charitable organizations.

2. State aid for the permanently and totally disabled needy through participation in the federal-state program as now practiced in 34 states of the U.S.

3. Recognition of responsibility in assuring "political and economic equality" for all persons.

4. Continuance of Child Care Centers on a permanent basis.

The Governor also made a general plea for sympathetic social legislation by telling the legislators, "In whatever way we can do so, we should make life better for all our people, with particular concern for those who have been afflicted by misfortune or who, be-

cause of youth or age, are entitled to our special solicitude."

## Carp. Council Meets in Mont.

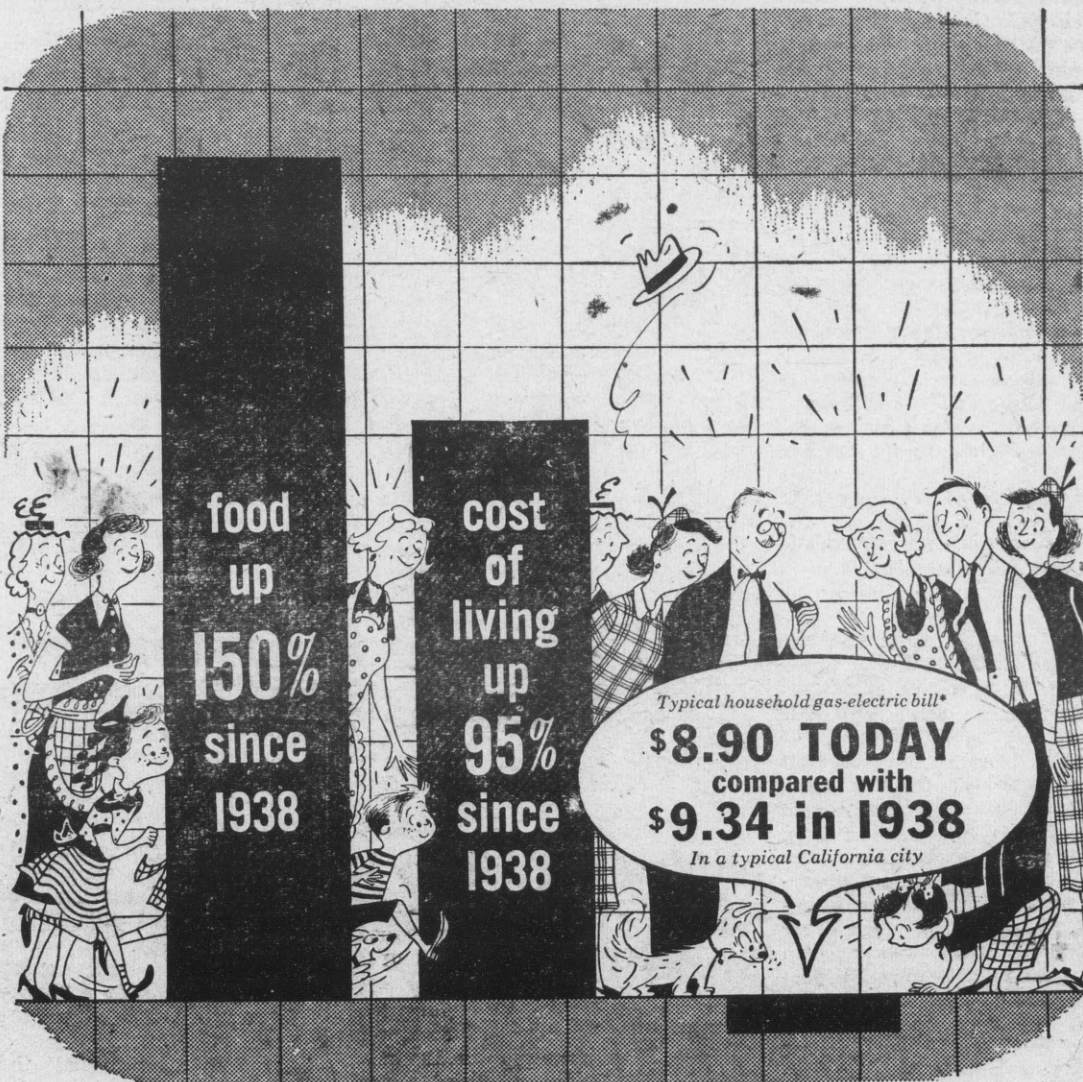
First 1953 meeting of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters was scheduled for Tuesday night of this week at the Monterey Carpenters Hall, with Local 1323 as host.

Thomas Eide, business agent of Local 1323 and president of the district council has been attending meetings in regard the carpenters welfare plan which starts March 1. He was to give a full report at the council session.

## Some Anchovies

Monterey's fishing fleet has brought in several good loads of anchovies for packing on Cannery Row, but the anchovy pack is the only activity at the plants, union officials said. Stormy weather has interrupted the anchovy fishing somewhat, officials added.

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## STAR LINES

By LOIS MORAN

Peter said to me, "You had better be careful. Someone might cut off your arm or leg. They are going to cut off my arm any minute." Said I, "Why sweetie, everyone likes you, we're all friends. Nothing like that could happen." No? says Peter. No, of course not. You are my friend and so is the doctor and nurse. Peter smiled then, and joined our dance group. Peter is a Korean vet, a victim of mental illness. There are many such men who need individual help, understanding and affection. Peter is very intelligent. With the medical care he is receiving, plus love and attention, he will be well again. Anybody care to help with men like Peter? Let me know. Love, L. M.